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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE
SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT THE WALL

1. AT 1944 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 25 FOUR WOULD-BE ESCAPEES APPROACHING US SECTOR BOUNDARY IN VICINITY KOHLHASENBRUECK WERE FIRED UPON BY EAST GERMAN GUARDS AND WERE LATER OBSERVED BEING LED AWAY FROM BORDER. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT SEVERAL ROUNDS IMPACTED IN AND AROUND APARTMENTS IN US SECTOR. IN RESPONSE TO INCIDENT, FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY MISSION SEPTEMBER 26:

QUOTE: AT ABOUT 2000 IN THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25 EAST GERMAN BORDER GUARDS WERE OBSERVED TO FIRE APPROXI-MATELY THIRTY ROUNDS AT FOUR INDIVIDUALS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CROSS OVER INTO THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN AT A POINT OPPOSITE KOHLHASENBRUECK. SEVERAL ROUNDS WERE FOUND TO HAVE IMPACTED WITHIN AND OUTSIDE APARTMENT, IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR, THEREBY SERIOUSLY ENDANGERING
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INNOCENT PERSONS. THE UNITED STATES COMMANDANT, IN ASSOCIATION

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WITH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH COMMANDANTS, DEPLORES THIS FURTHER
RECKLESS USE OF ARMED FORCE IN CALLOUS DISREGARD OF
LIFE AND PROPERTY. UNQUOTE.

2. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF WITNESS REPORT THAT AUTOMATIC
FIRING DEVICE SIMILAR TO THOSE ON GDR-FRG BORDER (BUT
NOT HITHERTO OBSERVED AROUND BERLIN) WAS SET OFF BY
WOULD-BE ESCAPEES PRIOR TO FIRING FROM TOWER. POLICE BELIEVE
WARNING, RATHER THAN FIRING DEVICE, MAY HAVE BEEN
TRIPPED.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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